

ORIENTAL NEWS.

HONGKONG, Jan. 28.—News has just come to hand of a serious affair in the neighborhood of Canton. Three Europeans named Burckhardt, Spalinger and Huygen, employed in Canton, were out picnicking on the river near it is presumed, Sheklung, when they were set upon by a ruffianly band of pirates. The pirates were armed, while the Europeans were quite defenceless. The result was that Burckhardt and Spalinger were wounded, the one slightly and the other more seriously. One Chinese servant was killed, and another was wounded. The matter, when it became known, caused a sensation in the city.

Our Canton correspondent writes: Late on Saturday night a shooting party from Canton was attacked in their boat by a band of robbers near Kam Chuk. Two foreigners were wounded. One of the boatmen was shot dead. The party returned to Canton on Sunday morning. The wounded men are progressing favorably.

Another correspondent writes: Messrs. Burckhardt (Swiss), Hogg (British), Huygen (Dutch) and Spalinger (Swiss) left Canton on Saturday afternoon in a private houseboat to have a day's shooting. At about 1.30 a. m. on Sunday, whilst proceeding up the Brick Kiln Creek, they were suddenly awakened by hearing shots. They were soon made aware that they were attacked by pirates. A regular fusillade was fired at the boat from both sides, and a stink-pot was thrown into the cabin. Guns were brought out, and the shooting party returned a lively fire. The man who threw the stink-pot was killed and two others shared the same fate. This was the extent of the known casualties on the pirate side, but it is most likely some others were killed or wounded. Mr. Spalinger was badly wounded in the muscle of the right arm, above the elbow, whilst firing his revolver out of one of the windows. Mr. Burckhardt was wounded in both legs and wound in the heel and the other in the calf. Mr. Hogg was slightly wounded on the scalp. One of the crew (Chinese) was killed. Mr. Huygen went on board the nearest guard boat and found the name of the place was Sam Tung Kee. A launch was engaged at daylight, and the party arrived back just before 11 o'clock on Sunday. A piece of string and a piece of earthenware were found in Mr. Burckhardt's wounds. This looks as though a blunderbuss filled with anything that came to hand had been discharged by the pirates. The houseboat is riddled with bullet holes, and in places the paint is scorched, showing that the guns must have been held right up against the side of the house. The escape of these gentlemen is most marvellous, and is due to their having been badly prone while the pirates fired at and in line with the windows. Gunboats are leaving for the scene of the piracy on Monday morning. The Swiss are under German protection. It is reported the matter will be thoroughly looked into.

CAPTURE OF PIRATES.
HONGKONG, Jan. 28.—The North China Daily News of January 21 contains the following: A Ningpo dispatch reports the capture by an Italian cruiser, nearly a week ago, of a piratical junk near the Taichou coast, Chekiang, with a large crew, of whom only eleven were left alive when the cruiser brought the junk into Ningpo to be delivered to the local for punishment. It seems that the Italians caught the pirates red-handed while overhauling a small trading junk, a portion of whose crew and passengers had already been badly injured before the Italians caught up the pirates. Cheng Taotai of Ningpo sent rewards of cattle, etc., to the Italians, and after a summary trial executed six of the eleven prisoners on the 6th instant, the rest being sent to Haimen, on the coast, near Taichou, to suffer punishment there. It was found that all the pirates were Taichou men.

SERIOUS FIRE.
YOKOHAMA, Feb. 8.—About 1.40 this morning Superintendent Morgan received an alarm of fire, and at once turned out with the brigade men and proceeded to the scene in Motomachi Gochome. On arrival it was found that about a dozen houses were in flames. Owing to the poor construction of the buildings, placed close together, it was about an hour and a half before the flames were got under, and twenty-five houses were destroyed and others damaged. It was fortunate that there was not more wind blowing at the time, or there would have been another big Motomachi fire. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

RAISE "CANTON RIVER."
HONGKONG, Jan. 28.—Divers are at work on the sunken dredger Canton River. Ever since she was turned over she has been busy sealing down some of the hatchways and plugging other ones round the others. Pumps are being got ready, and, in the course of next week, an effort will be made to pump the water out of her. The job has been rendered more difficult by the fact that there is a big tear in her deck, which must be patched up. Captain Percy Scott, C.B., is still interesting himself in the work.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLERS.
HONGKONG, Jan. 28.—Chief Detective Inspector Fids of the Penang police, left Hongkong on Saturday by the Catherine Apea, having in charge Henry Burton Middleton, an ex-employee of the Perak Railway, who was arrested by Inspector Kemp, on the arrival at Hongkong of the German mail steamer Hamburg, on the 11th inst. He is charged with a breach of trust. The Dutch Army officer, arrested on board the Tetartos by Inspector Kemp, on the 15th inst., on a charge of embezzling the funds of the district Panjowangi, Java, of which he was in charge, has been remanded till the 30th inst.

YOKOHAMA NOTES.
Mr. Iwasaki Yasuya, a brother of Baron Iwasaki Kyuya, the well-known millionaire, was sentenced in the Tokyo Ku Saitanbu to a fine of 50 yen on a charge of having accidentally shot to death a university student, a friend of his, while out shooting in Idzu province.

Five broke out in Kajiho, Hamamatsu, at 2 a. m. on the 21 inst., and about 80 houses were destroyed. Five others being damaged. Three persons perished in the flames, which were subdued at 5 o'clock.

On the morning of the 23 inst. fire broke out in the Railway Carriage Building Company at Kawagita-mura, Nishikari district, Osaka, resulting in the destruction of the office. The loss is estimated at over 200 yen.

Another fire occurred in Osaka the following morning, starting in a tobacco-cure at Honzaki. Three buildings were destroyed, the damage being estimated at about 150 yen.

H. I. H. Prince Kuni gave birth to a prince in Tokyo on the 23 inst. Both mother and son are doing well.

Snow continued to fall in Kamuro from the night of the 25th to the 30th inst. and covered the ground to the depth of over two feet.

THE MARDI GRAS A SUCCESS



Miss Abbie Campbell Princess of Mardi Gras.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

HONOLULU never witnessed a more brilliant sight than the Mardi Gras ball last night. Never was a social gathering more advantageously graced by Hawaii's fair women and brave men than was that at the scene of the grand carnival. The gowns and costumes worn were creations of art and beauty and the gay scenes of the fairland that the grim old drill shed had been transformed into by the ingenuity of the ladies of the decoration committee, made the whole to seem a marvelous spectacle summoned by the magic lamp of Aladdin. From overhead the electric illuminations shone softly through evergreens and gay festoons of colored bunting, falling, softly subdued, upon the polished floor and the strange, flitting characters that tripped the light fantastic toe in gay incongruity. The draped boxes were a-flutter with fans, the occupants merry with comment and amusement. The sheen of silken gowns and the glitter of precious jewels made radiant the beauty of beautiful women, and in full dress and fancy costume Honolulu's masculine sex had a chance at elegance and the picturesque. From a bower of evergreens in an elevated balcony came the music of the Territorial band, and among dancers and spectators alike, all went merry as the proverbial marriage bell.

As early as 8 o'clock the maskers began to gather in the long hall of the Miller street entrance and by half past the hour there was hardly standing room for the mysterious ones. A half dozen clowns clad in airy costumes of white and red rigging over a hull of barrel hoops started the fun going, and the spirit of merriment began to take hold.

Out in the ballroom proper the polished floor shone invitingly under the softly-shaded yet brilliant lights, and the gayly decorated boxes were filled with beautifully dressed women and well-groomed men.

Overhead from end to end and across were graceful festoons of the Mardi Gras colors—red, yellow, green and white; evergreens were everywhere. Flags of all nations fluttered in the cool currents of air from two great electric fans overhead, which kept the ballroom at a delightful temperature all the evening.

In the center of the Waikiki side of the ballroom was the throne, artistically draped in the carnival colors, the pretty festoons falling gracefully from an immense gilt crown and looped back with evergreens at the side.

Owing to the crush the grand march was a little late in forming and it was not until 9.30 o'clock that Major Potter, master of ceremonies, succeeded in marshaling his subjects in line.

A group of unmanageable "pokes," in loose blouse, wide hats, queues and other accoutrements of the Celestial dress, escaped through the doorway leading to the ballroom and with wild bursts of pigeon English, started down the steps from the stage, creating much amusement for the waiting spectators.

Finally the band from a mass of evergreens in the balcony above struck up "Let Us Weave a Lei" and the maskers moved into line. At the command, "Make way for the Princess," they fell back and Miss Abigail Campbell, Princess of the Carnival, escorted by Colonel Farn Moore, the Prince, entered the ballroom, moved forward and took her place at the head of the line beside the Prince.

Two tiny pages, in lavender and yellow, trotted beside her, carrying her glittering train of silver. A sweet, clear bugle call rang through the gayly decked ballroom and the master of ceremonies gave the command. The band began the opening bars of the march and out across the stage, down the grand stairway and up the polished floor of the beautiful ballroom the procession moved, led by the Prince and Princess, the tiny pages in attendance and the court jester close behind, laughing merrily and jingling his bells.

There followed a strange and motley crowd of merry subjects; there were dainty butterflies, rollicking clowns, severe, mysterious beings in forbidding dominoes, school girls, flower girls, dancing girls, demure Japanese maidens, Sultans, tramps and every conceivable type of humanity. Along with the rest came "Papa Ita," escorting a "Mama Ita." The identity of the two being proclaimed by means of large placards worn upon their backs, though this would have been entirely unnecessary in the case of the popular fire-walker, as his brush of ti leaves and other close adherence to the Tahitian costume would have left no doubt.

A little man in a big cap was announced by placard to be a great judge who favored Arizona justice. He wore an alarming-looking firearm in his boot and was followed by an individual in chains who had been sentenced to ten days in jail for contempt of court.

A brave soldier in uniform took long strides in a vain effort to avoid betraying the fact that he was a girl. Death, with a scythe in hand and skull and cross-bones upon his breast, marched beside a dainty impersonation of Spring, and "Execution" with a broad-axe, kept pace with an old witch, who carried her broomstick steed and had all the emblems of her calling embroidered upon her dress, a cat perching upon one shoulder and a hideous serpent coiling about her cap to rear its head into the air at the top. "Annexation" was represented by a graceful maiden in a costume of blended flags, the Stars and the Stripes intertwining with the Hawaiian colors.

Miss Abbie Campbell, Princess of the Carnival, was magnificently arrayed in a glittering creation of silver and white, beautiful beyond comparison. Over a simple princess gown of white satin, soft folds of white chiffon embroidered daintily in pink rosebuds fell gracefully from the corsage to the floor, and in the front from the point of the corsage a splendid panel of silver applique reflected the scintillating lights with dazzling brilliancy. At the back, falling from the neck, a long panel of white satin, embroidered in glittering patterns of silver, formed a splendid train. Over this was worn a beautiful royal ruby court train, outlined in white champlee applique and embroidered richly in pearls, with large lover's knots of white satin applique. A beautiful girle, scintillating with the brilliancy of nearly every precious stone, had the folds of diaphanous chiffon and satin loosely at the waist, and ornaments of pearls and silver added richness and splendor to the dazzling elegance and royal beauty of the whole.

A superb crown of emeralds, rubies and diamonds and dainty white slippers with pearl and silver ornaments completed the splendid costume, which was designed in its entirety by H. F. Dawson of the Kilham Company, Ltd. It would be difficult to imagine a more beautiful and artistic of a richer and more elegant costume, and among the royal women of the Princesses of a thousand Mardi Gras it is doubtful if there could be found one to equal its dazzling beauty.

Following the Princess came the two tiny pages, Miss Marie Campbell and Miss Wilhelmina Tenney, who wore a pair of new dresses specially in lavender and yellow. Little Marie's costume was of yellow velvet and silk, and Miss Wilhelmina's was of yellow and white. They were a pretty lavender favorite.

CONVENES TODAY.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

THIS morning at 10 o'clock the first Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii will convene in the Capitol building. Everything is in readiness for the opening and all the members are in the City.

In the House of Representatives, which will hold its sessions in the old throne room, twenty-nine desks have been arranged by Secretary of the Territory Cooper with due reference to the comfort of the members. There are two rows on either side of the hall, five desks in a row, and three rows at right angles to these, three desks in a row. The clerk's desk faces these desks and the Speaker's table rests on the old throne platform, surmounted by the gorgeous canopy which once overhung crowned heads. Upon the wall behind the Speaker are oil portraits of Kamehameha, wife of Kamehameha III, and Kalama, wife of Kamehameha III. A small photograph of Princess Kaiulani adorns the door leading into the retiring-room behind the platform.

Secretary Cooper has a desk on the left of the Speaker, where he or his deputy will be seated at all times during the legislative sessions. A table for the press has been placed on the right of the Speaker near the door, affording easy ingress and egress.

The Senate will hold its sessions upstairs in the broad hall between the Governor's apartments and the Auditor's offices. The portion has been screened off and makes a room in itself. The Speaker's platform and table are on the Ewa side of the screened-off space and directly between portraits of Queen Liliuokalani and her husband, Governor Dominis.

It is understood that Akina will be the Speaker of the House. He is from Kauai and a half-Chinese. Solomon Meheula will be the clerk of the House. The President of the Senate will be William White, all probabilities. White is from Iahaina and is known as "Oily Bill." Edgar Cayless will be the clerk of the Senate. Governor Dole's message, a bulky document, will be presented to the Legislature probably this morning. The Legislature will not transact any business today outside of organization and the utterance of congratulatory speeches. John Wise and John Bush will be interpreters, it is said.

DANGER OF COLDS AND LA GRIPPE.

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THE GRAND JURY.

Inquisitorial Body Inspects Iwilei and Oahu Jail.

The Grand Jury investigated Iwilei yesterday and when it had gotten through with that suburb it inspected the intricacies and innermost workings of Oahu Jail.

The twelve good men and true left the police station shortly after 1 p. m. and half a dozen hacks immediately headed for Iwilei.

A reporter got through the first gate with the crowd all right but "Alabama" Mitchell, the balliff, soon stopped him and called the attention of E. Faxton Bishop, the foreman of the Grand Jury, to his presence.

The jury was evidently in no pressing need of reportorial service just then and the guileless twelve went their way alone.

"This jury is not acting for publication," said the foreman, "and they desire to have Iwilei strictly to themselves on this occasion."

King Milan Dead.

VIENNA, Feb. 11.—Milan, former King of Servia, died in this city today after a brief illness. Last evening (Sunday) he received Adjutant Popovias, who had been sent by King Alexander. The interview excited him somewhat, but he recognized and talked with the Adjutant. From that time his strength failed rapidly and the difficulty of breathing rendered further conversation impossible. At noon today he again received the Adjutant. He was then in full possession of his faculties and seemed to have no idea that his life was in danger. Consciousness was retained until within a quarter of an hour of his death, which came quietly in the presence of his uncle, Colonel Constantinevic, and his friend, Count Zichy.

The illness began with influenza. Milan left his bed too quickly and the result was pneumonia. The doctors also found fatty degeneration of the heart, which was the actual cause of death, as the danger immediately arising from the lung trouble had been overcome.

Latest Sugar Prices.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Sugar—Steady; fair refining, 3½c; centrifugal, 9½ test, 4½c; molasses sugar, 3½c. Refined quiet; crushed, 6.00; powdered, 5.60c; granulated, 5.50c.

Sailors Scarce Again.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—The bark St. Katherine, which was ready to sail for Hilo yesterday, had some difficulty in obtaining a crew. Sailors are again scarce.

The following passengers departed for Hilo and way ports in the Kinau yesterday: Dr. J. Grace, F. E. Lyman, E. H. Lyman, S. M. Ballou, Geo. H. Robertson, J. Lichtig, A. W. Carter, J. S. Ralston, T. R. Robinson, Rev. A. B. Weymouth, Rev. J. M. Lydgate, H. J. Lyman, Sam Peck and others.

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